

# The Springfield Redeemer



“Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you.” Jeremiah 29:12

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## Area Pastors Plan United Prayer Service By Roberta D’Amico

Over a dozen area pastors met together at Cornerstone Church in East Longmeadow on Tuesday August 18, 2020, to plan a urgently needed gathering to take place in September, to pray for our city, our state, and our country. This event is open to everyone, please come and join us as we appeal to God for our country.

In the wake of angry violence and rioting, it is imperative that we join in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ and implore Him for mercy on America, the health and safety of the people, and for the upcoming election. Our only hope as a nation is to turn back to God.

Here in Springfield, we have been blessed to remain somewhat peaceful – thanks to our local city leadership and many who support the police and believe in law and order. In order to continue in this way and be an example to others, many area churches are planning to participate in this inter-denominational Prayer Service on Sunday, September 20, 6 p.m.

Pastor Tate at Bethany Assembly of God Church has graciously agreed to host this event outdoors on his church property. The theme verse of the event is John 10:16 where it says, “I (Jesus) have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also and they will listen to My voice.” If people stand together, God will hear our pleas.

The pastors are calling this event the Trust Jesus Unity Service. It is a church service, not a rally. It will follow the general format of the National Day of

Prayer which is held at Court Square in Springfield every May.

This will be an exciting event, starting with worship music.

There will be four sessions of prayer: first for the church and family; then education and mental health issues; government and military; and finally for business and media. Each prayer session will include scripture. Our government authorities especially need our prayers. The Bible says that they are ministers of God for our good (Romans 13:4.)

Between each prayer session will be worship music by the different pastors. At the end, everyone will together sing “Waymaker,” with the words on a screen, followed by a closing prayer of benediction and an invitation to trust Jesus. There will be Bibles available to give to anyone who needs one.

Since this will be an outdoor event, it would be good to bring a chair. Church groups would want to bring chairs for those who would need to sit. The event is planned to take no more than 90 minutes. We will also provide porta-potties. We will be making flyers to pass out, and advertising on the Q radio station, and please everybody, post it on your social media. Also, the Q is planning to live-stream it! Hope to see you there!



## Pastors Roberto and Kim Quinones Hold a Week of Prayer

What can be more urgent today than corporate prayer? Pastor Cooley, along with Pastors Roberto and Kim Quinones, know that in these troubled times it is most essential. So, the last week of July, 27<sup>th</sup>, through

31st, they held a week of meetings - a Prayer Conference!

Gathering at United Temple Church, 191 Walnut Street in Springfield, right down the street from Holy Grounds Coffee House, we met each evening. Here,

Pastor Cooley had set up an outdoor sanctuary for meetings, and so here we gathered under the shade of our Holy Grounds Pastors, and ask God for revival in our land.



The theme was “A Pattern that Produces Power.” Pastor Roberto reminded us that we all need strength to cope, especially in these difficult days. In the midst of continual controversy over what is

essential and what is non-essential, Pastor declared that “prayer is the essential in my life! God wants us to line up with His will and the pattern He gave us in His Word.”

Throughout Scripture, we see God’s people following a pattern in their prayers. An example of this is found in Matthew 6:9 - the Lord’s Prayer. It tells us that God is Ruler over all. When we look at what’s going on in the world, we are tempted to think that some people are our enemies. But behind those people who oppose us for what we believe, is the real enemy, Satan. But don’t be tempted to think he is greater than our God. When we are praying according to His will,

tents to hear some great messages on prayer from there is no greater force! When we Praise God, we stomp on Satan.

When we lift up the Name of Jesus over a brother, sister, friend or family member, we can know that the God Who did many miracles in the past (even our past) can do it again. Among the many great messages heard during the week, a favorite was a quote from an unknown author: “Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God.”

Expanding on that: Phil. 2:5 speaks about the mind; Psa. 119:18 about the eyes; Romans 10:1 about the heart; Eph. 6:11-13 about the feet; and James 3:5-12 about the tongue. When we pray for these things, and in a spirit of faith and praise, we see God move.

The whole week encouraged us in our faith, knowing God is in control and guides not just the universe, but each one of our lives. His ways are far better than trying to accomplish things in our own strength.

After this week, God put it on our hearts to plan a Community-wide event to bring other churches and people together for a larger Prayer Event soon.

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## **August 14<sup>th</sup> Fish Dinner - a Good Catch!**

Thank You, Lord, for blessing us with a beautiful day for our August 14th Fund Raiser at Holy Grounds Coffee House! By mid-morning we were making salad and setting up the fish fryer. We were blessed with help from Antonio, Sarah, who handed out the desserts, sodas, and tableware (prepared by Denise and Jackie Cooley), and Cheryl who came to help and stayed all day, helping to clean up at 3 p.m.



Pastor Cooley started frying the fish, but was helped later by Sam. The weather was so nice that we were able to put a table out in

front of the Coffee House, for people to sit at. Having the table outside actually drew several people who were passing by, who came in and bought dinners. One man came and said he was working on a building down the block and was drawn by the delicious smell!

We were blessed to be able to offer some dinners to several people for free, thanks to half a dozen generous people who gave extra money to pay for those who could not afford them. We also handed out quite a few gospel tracts with dinners.

As a result of this event, we sold 50 dinners and added \$725.00 to our winter fund! Much appreciation to all who participated, may God bless you richly for your generosity!

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## **Ongoing Events**

**SUNDAY SERVICES:** 8 a.m.- Redemption Gate Church with Pastor Brian Greene;

10 a.m.-Motivated by Faith with Pastors Bobby & Kim, With fellowship after!

**MONDAY -- FRIDAY:** Morning Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. ***Come and be blessed!***

**WED –** Trust Jesus Recovery at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (Still on Zoom)

**THURSDAY:** Shelly’s Women’s Bible Study 1:00 p.m. - **FIAT** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7 p.m. (Sometimes it varies.)

**1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY:** “Marriage with God” 4 to 6 p.m. (To be announced)